ambushed at Khumbong-Komthoujam, about 10 kms. from Imphal by suspected PLA extremists. In the firing by the extremists, Kumari Vandana Malik and a constable were killed on the spot and four others were injured including a Head Constable. The Head Constable later died in the hospital. The miscreants took away a service revolver, a stengun and two. 303 rifles besides some quantity of ammunition. Operation has been launched in and around the place of occurrence of incident to apprehend the culprits. A criminal case has been started and the State Government have decided to transfer investigation of the case to the CBI.

(c) Meitei Extremist Organisations namely People's Liberation Army (PLA), People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK), United National Liberation Front (UNLF), Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP) and their allied bodies have been declared as unlawful associations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. The entire State of Manipur stands declared as Disturbed Area under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act 1958 and army is conducting counter insurgency operations. Arrangements for better coordination between different agencies involved in the operations against the extremists have been made. A close watch is being maintained on the activities of extremists.

(d) There are no reports to confirm the involvement of any foreign country. However, these extremists are getting inspiration and assistance from insurgent groups across the border.

IMF's Suggestion on Foreign Exchange Formula under FERA

369. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Monetary Fund has suggested to the Government of India the dilution of the existing foreign exchange formula under FERA to encourage increasing flow of direct foreign investment in country's economy; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) whether the subject was discussed during the Finance Minister's talk with IMF officials in Washington recently; if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Condonation of Delay in Submission of Cases for Pension to Freedom Fighters

370. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 420 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th March, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for inordinate delay in taking any final decision for condonation of delay in submission of cases for freedom fighters pension; and

(b) by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Comments had to be invited from the Chairman of the Committee. They have been received and action is being taken to finalise the cases early.

ISI of Pakistan

371. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Inter-Services Intelligence Agency of Pakistan has direct involvement with the terrorist activities in Punjab and also with that

of Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether the Central Government have sent any protest note to the Pakistan Government in this regard recently; and

(c) if so, what is Pak Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) According to available information the Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) of Pakistan has been closely associated with the terrorist activities in Punjab and Liberation Front in Jammu and Kashmir. Liberation Front in Jammu and Kashmir An Aid-Memoire on Pakistan's involvement in terrorist activities directed against India was sent in October, 88 to the Pakistan Embassy in India. The matter was also taken up by Indian Prime Minister in his talk with Prime Minister of Pakistan during the SAARC summit in December, 1988 at Islamabad.

Stopping of re-financing by NABARD in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka States

372. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NABARD has stopped re-financing to Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka States because of the interest subsidy granted by the State Governments to the farmers; and

(b) if so, whether Government will reconsider this anti-farmer stand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) It was noticed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) that some cooperative banks were not fully complying with instructions relating to interest rates, conversion of loans, etc. and directives in this regard were violated in some States including Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. In view of this NABARD *vide* its circular dated 29-11-1988 addressed to the Managing Directors of State Cooperative Banks and State Land Development Bank of the concerned States withheld refinance facilities till an undertaking is furnished by the concerned institutions that they would follow the instructions/ guidelines issued by the RBI/NABARD.

NABARD has reported that refinance facilities have been resumed in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka after receipt of requisite undertakings from the apex banks of these States.

भारत और मलयेशिया के बीच व्यापार

373. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मलयेशिया के साथ संयुक्त उद्यम स्थापित करने और व्यापार बढ़ाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रयोजन के लिए किन-किन मदों का चयन किया गया है; और

(ग) इस प्रस्ताव के संबंध अन्य ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० आर० दास मुन्शी) : (क) से (ग) मलयेशिया में क्रमशः पाम आयल तथा उनके सम्बन्धित उत्पादों खनिज जल औद्योगिक तेल तथा ट्रान्सफर आयल लौंग पर आधारित विशेष रासायनिक तेल पदार्थों के निर्माण के लिए संयुक्त उद्यमों की स्थापना हेतु विभिन्न भारतीय कम्पनियों से प्राप्त चार प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन हैं ?।